# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PLANNING
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:363
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SPECIAL CATEGORY STATUS TO BACKWARD STATES
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to grant special category status to the backward b) States of the country including Orissa; c)

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) : There is no proposal to grant Special Category Status to any other State, other than the existing Special Category States.]

(b) & (c) : Do not arise.